

Council Seeks Enlightenment On Dark Room; Will Car-Share

by Barbara Hopkins

Four citizens, from both in and outside the city, petitioned the Greenbelt City Council at its meeting January 28 to make progress on the previously approved and budgeted darkroom. Norma Belt, coordinator of the Greenbelt Photo Club, told council she received about one call a month seeking to learn if the club had access to a darkroom. She noted that a story on the front page of the May 17, 2001 News Review said the darkroom was expected to open in "late summer of 2001." But there is still no darkroom in Greenbelt in winter of 2002.

Tim Edberg, who teaches photography in Greenbelt and elsewhere in the county, said the most common question he gets from students concerns where they can continue pursuit of their interest in black-and-white photography. He is only aware of public darkrooms in Baltimore and Virginia, both some distance away. In his opinion a local darkroom would be "of interest county-wide."

City Manager Michael McLaughlin said the city has tried several times to get the darkroom going, but plans have repeatedly fallen through.

Councilmember Thomas White pointed out that the darkroom had been under discussion since the Center opened, that it was an objective in this year's budget, and he agreed that it is time to carry it through. Asked if he would have the expertise to set it up, Edberg replied that he did, but explained that he would not have the time. He has already contributed his knowledge toward what would be needed in terms of space and equipment, and he would be supportive of a functioning darkroom through continuing education.

Asks for Report

After the discussion, Mayor Judith Davis asked McLaughlin for a report of the efforts that have been made, what blocked them, and how they might be overcome. Councilmember Alan Turnbull asked that this report include a schedule and plans for getting the darkroom going. Davis suggested the possibility of a worksession later. She reminded petitioners to stay aware of the budget session to ensure that funding remains available.

Since the council meeting, the News Review has obtained a copy of a memorandum to the city manager dated January 14,

2002, in which Joe McNeal, Community Center supervisor, and Nicole DeWald, arts coordinator, express doubts that sufficient interest exists to support a darkroom. They cite as evidence that since the Community Center opened in January 1996, over 20 photography workshops or classes have been offered and that only two had enough enrollment to actually take place. McNeal and DeWald also question if the space allotted for a darkroom would be adequate. Alternative uses for the space have been suggested, including its use as a digital darkroom. The memo states that the use of the space should "mesh with possible needs associated with educational visual arts programs at the Community Center."

Car Sharing

At the same meeting, council also considered a proposal received by the city from Zipcar, Inc. to provide car sharing in the city for one year. The city solicitor has reviewed the agreement and considers it satisfactory. The agreement would provide a car and support services for \$1,200 per month, which would cover the car, fuel, repairs, insurance,

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Two Local Schools Show Improvement on MSPAPs

by Mary Moien

The State of Maryland has released the 2001 Maryland School Performance Assessment Program (MSPAP) test results for local schools. Of the Greenbelt schools, two showed some improvement - Greenbelt Middle School and Greenbelt Elementary School.

Tests take place in the spring and results are usually reported in the fall. This year, however, test results declined in so many schools in the state that reporting was held up. No specific errors were found, however, and the results are now available. One concern expressed is that parts of the tests, which contain written sentences, are scored subjectively. But no indication has been reported that some schools would be more affected than others by the scoring protocol.

At the elementary school level, students are tested in the 3rd and 5th grades. In middle school, 8th graders are tested. The overall county averages for 2001 showed 25.0 percent with a passing score in the 3rd grade, 28.5 percent in the 5th grade and 30.6 percent in the 8th grade. The first two figures are about 15 percent declines from the previous year, whereas the 8th grade scores were only a slight decrease.

Greenbelt Middle

Greenbelt Middle School reported the most improvement of any Greenbelt school with 35.6 percent of 8th grade students passing the test, up from 31.2 percent in 2000. The school has shown a fairly steady increase in test scores since 1996 when 25 percent of students passed the test. Principal Judy Austin commented, "We did so well on

MSPAP. We are happy about that."

Greenbelt Elementary

Greenbelt Elementary School reported a small overall increase in test scores, from 26.7 percent in 2000 to 28.5 percent in 2001. However, the results were very different by grade level. While the 5th grade results increased by 10 percentage points from 22.7 to 32.8 percent, the 3rd grade results were just the opposite. Their test scores declined from 31.0 to 24.0 percent.

Springhill Lake Elementary

The 2001 MSPAP scores for Springhill Lake Elementary are the lowest among the three elementary schools that Greenbelt students attend. Overall scores dropped approximately 40 percent from the prior year - from 23.9 percent in 2000 to 13.4 percent in 2001. Each of the two grades had a similar decline. Principal Linda Sherwood stated that she could not understand the drop. She commented that the school has wonderful support from the teachers and staff and further help from University of Maryland students who work with the children.

Magnolia Elementary

Magnolia Elementary School, which includes about 200 Greenbelt students, had some individual grade MSPAP scores approaching 50 percent in the mid-1990s as well as the highest scores most years among the Greenbelt elementary schools. The 2001 results, however, have shown a significant decline from 33.4 percent in 2000 to 22.7 percent in 2001. Again, similar decreases were found in both the 3rd and 5th grade scores.

City to Seek Restoration Of Preamble Sculptures

by Barbara Hopkins

At the regular city council meeting on January 28, council unanimously adopted a resolution to authorize application for a grant from the Maryland Historical Trust to restore the bas relief sculptures on the Community Center. The art works, done by Lenore Thomas in 1937, depict the preamble to the U. S. Constitution.

Funds would be requested to help pay for an assessment of the condition of the sculptures, their cleaning, and an appropriate amount of restoration work. Funds would also cover an ongoing maintenance plan and photographic documentation of the preservation process. Included in the request would be funds for educational activities to inform the public of the significance of the sculptures in the history of Greenbelt.

Total cost for the project is es-

timated at \$45,742, half being supplied by a grant from the Trust, with the city providing \$19,929 in cash and \$2,942 in in-kind services. The estimated time of completion would be the summer of 2003. The project was not included in the FY 2002 budget, but City Manager Michael McLaughlin indicated that it could be funded through savings in other projects, such as savings in playground expenses due to a state grant.

Restore Lighting

Councilmember Alan Turnbull indicated his support for this effort, but added he would like to see restoration of the exterior lighting that was installed when the Community Center was renovated. The lights made the Center look "beautiful," he said, but were damaged by vandals and

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Council Reviews Legislation: Local, County, State; Appoints

by Barbara Hopkins

There were a number of pieces of legislation reviewed by Greenbelt City Council when it met Monday night, January 28. Action is anticipated at the next council meeting on February 11. Council agrees to support county and state bills.

Report Notarization

Councilmember Edward Putens introduced for a first reading an ordinance to amend the city code to eliminate the need for notarization of forms reporting financial interest by certain city officials, employees, or candidates for office. For those people without convenient access to the city's notaries, the requirement incurs costs in time off work as well as payment of a notary fee. According to City Clerk Kathleen Gallagher, compliance with the requirement takes considerable time for her as well as the filers, because she often has to return the forms as incomplete due to lack of notarization. Gallagher explained that a change had not been requested to remove the requirement for notarization of the form for lobbyists.

In the opinion of Robert Manzi, city solicitor, the requirement of a notary is based on

council's policy, but there is no legal necessity for it and it can be changed.

Animal Control Transport

Also introduced by Putens for first reading was a resolution for the city to purchase a package to convert the van, already approved for purchase by council, for use as an animal control vehicle. Council approved the van with the knowledge that it would require retrofitting to be suitable for transport and containment of animals. Two bids have been received to accomplish this conversion. Harford Systems, Inc., of Aberdeen, quoted a price of \$12,041, which was higher by \$471 than the competing bid. Combined with the \$13,998 purchase price of the van, the cost of the improved van will be \$5,039 higher than the budgeted amount (\$21,000). However, staff consider that the resulting vehicle will be "a great improvement" over what was proposed when the item was originally budgeted three years ago. Staff also suggested that the location of Harford Systems in Aberdeen will result in savings in the vehicle's delivery and in repairs and maintenance over the long

run, as the competing bid was from Mavron, Inc., of Warsaw, Indiana.

Playground Improvements

Councilmember Rodney Roberts introduced for first reading a resolution to negotiate the purchase and installation of playground equipment at Buddy Attick Park. The state has given the city a grant of \$44,001 for improving the playground, and the city budgeted \$102,000 for playground improvements throughout the city in FY 2002. Staff has recommended council to

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What Goes On

Monday, February 11,
7 p.m., Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee, Community Center
8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building
Wednesday, February 13,
7 p.m. Advisory Committee on Trees, Community Center

Beltway Plaza Bus Stop Discussed

On Friday, January 24, Community Planner Terri Hruby met with Robert Lancaster, Prince George’s County’s Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT); Kap Kapastin, Quantum Companies; and David Brlansky, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to discuss the city’s request for improvements to the bus stop located under the parking garage within Beltway Plaza. It was agreed upon by all parties that the current location works well operationally and that there is adequate signage. However, it was also agreed that the stop could use improvements in terms of seating, drainage and overall attractiveness.

The following commitments were made at the meeting: 1. DPWT agreed to install benches and /or shelters. 2. Beltway Plaza agreed to address drainage issues, provide a trash receptacle and more formally stripe the area.

In addition to addressing the above issues, Lancaster also discussed the possibility of the county installing a bus shelter at the bus stop on northbound Cherrywood Lane at Giant and studying the feasibility of enlarging the pad area at the shelter on southbound Cherrywood Lane, across from Giant.

Staff will follow-up with Lancaster and Kapastin to ensure that improvements at Beltway Plaza are completed.

Greenbriar Board Of Directors Meets

The Greenbriar Phase III board of directors will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 12 at 6 p.m. The combined meeting of the Phase I & II boards will meet on Tuesday, February 12 at 7:30 p.m. The Greenbriar Community Association (GCA) board of directors will meet on Wednesday, February 27, at 5:30 p.m. All meetings are held in the Commons Room at the Greenbriar Community Building. These meetings are open and all homeowners are welcome to attend their board meeting and the GCA board meeting. For further information call 301-441-1096.

“The Apartment” Film at Comm. Center

by Martha Kaufman
The movie of the month at the Community Center will be shown on Monday, February 11, at 1 p.m. in the senior classroom. The four-star film “The Apartment” stars Jack Lemmon, Shirley MacLaine and Fred MacMurray. This superb comedy-drama manages to embrace both sentiment and cynicism. Lemmon attempts to climb the corporate ladder by lending his apartment key to various executives for their extramarital trysts, but it backfires and that’s when the fun begins.

GIVES to Sponsor Safe Driving Course

On Saturday, February 2, the quarterly meeting of Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) was held at the Greenbelt Community Center. Office Manager Kate Connolly reported that there are currently 199 members, and that 34 requests for assistance had been filled, the majority of which were for transportation.

Volunteers are available to assist the frail, elderly and the disabled to remain and live independently in their homes as long as possible. Those requesting services such as transportation for medical reasons or food shopping, some yard work, and telephone reassurance must be members. Everyone has some way to serve.

Volunteers, including those between the ages of 16 and 18, with the signed permission of a responsible adult, are always welcome. There is no membership fee, but donations are always welcome to help defray the cost of the telephone and office supplies.

GIVES, at its monthly meeting in January, voted to donate \$100 to the Greenbelt News Review and to encourage individuals to donate also.

The service organization is sponsoring 55 Alive, an eight-hour safe driving course to be held at the Community Center on Monday, April 8 for the first 25 who register. There is a fee.

In addition, plans are being made to teach CPR to interested members of GIVES, who must call by April 30.

For information on all of the above call 301-507-6580 any weekday morning or leave a message. A volunteer office worker will return all calls.

Greenbelt Elem. PTA Meets Tuesday

The Greenbelt Elementary School PTA will meet on Tuesday, February 12 at 7 p.m. in the media center. Note the new date. The Spring Fair will be discussed as well as a name change for the Spring Fair.

Star Party Saturday At Northway Fields

The Greenbelt Astronomy Club will hold a star gazing party on Saturday, February 9. The event begins at dusk and lasts until 11 p.m.

Club members will be on hand with a variety of telescopes and binoculars to share views of the planet Jupiter with its moons, Saturn with its rings, star clusters, nebula, constellations and more.

The location will be Northway Ball Fields, at the end of Northway. The event is free and open to the public.

In the event of hopelessly cloudy skies, this event will be cancelled.

City Will Take Away Unsightly Trash

The recurring problem of unsightly piles of trash, left outside regular pick-up collection zones, has a solution, according to Pearl Siegel of the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee. She reports that the city’s Public Works Department will haul away such materials after it has been called to their attention.

Citizens are asked to call the department at 301-474-8004 during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. They should be as specific as possible about the kind of trash involved, such as old furniture, mattresses, kitchen equipment, or bagged trash and equally specific about the exact location.

This was one of several problems reported at the annual open forum for senior citizens during fall 2001.

Environmental Issues Forum

Citizens concerned about the state’s environment and protection of natural resources are invited to attend a forum to learn about top issues facing this year’s Maryland General Assembly.

The forum, hosted by members of the Citizens Campaign for the Environment, will be held Tuesday, February 12 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Room 1103 Jiminez Hall, University of Maryland, College Park.

For more information, contact Laurel Imlay, Sierra Club Maryland at 301-277-7111 or e-mail: laurel.imlay@SierraClub.org.

Washington's Birthday Marathons

The 41st annual Washington’s Birthday Marathon (26.2 miles) and Marathon relay (3 persons run legs of 9.45, 7.3, 9.45 miles) running races will be held on Sunday, February 17 at 10:30 a.m. Register at the Greenbelt Youth Center starting at 9 a.m. The races are open to runners of all ages and abilities provided that adequate training has been done. There is an entry fee.

Age group awards will be given in each race, with a designer long-sleeve T-shirt for each runner. Refreshments after the race will be provided in the Youth Center. Call Joe Broderick at 301-661-5019 for additional information or call the DC Roadrunner’s Club hotline at 703-241-0395.



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On behalf of my family, I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and phone calls during the recent illness and passing of my husband, William (Bill) McCarthy. Bill was a resident of Greenbelt for the past 37 years.
Bea McCarthy

No E-mail, Again!

The News Review has been unable to obtain its email messages for the past 10 days. The staff apologizes to anyone who sent in information or advertising requests solely by email. We didn't ignore them - they're sitting in a mail box that we can't access at the moment. We hope to be up and running for next week but for now, please use both e-mail and some alternative means to send your messages.

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What are the fundamentals of proper estate planning? Explorations Unlimited will address this topic on Friday, February 15, when lawyer Pat McAndrew will be the presenter. McAndrew will discuss the need for a will, a durable power of attorney, an advance directive and an appointment of a health care agent. What are these and what do they do? Each plays an important role in proper basic estate planning. The key is planning ahead.

McAndrew is a lifelong Greenbelt resident, and managing partner in a small general practice law firm located in Beltsville. Among the firm's practice areas are estate planning and estate administration, in addition to civil and criminal litigation.

Explorations Unlimited is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. To learn more call 301-397-2208.

Blood Drive

The next blood drive in Greenbelt will be held on Friday, February 15, from noon to 6 p.m. The blood drive is sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the American Red Cross. All are encouraged to donate.

To learn more call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212.

At the Library

Tuesday, February 12, 7 p.m., Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.

Wednesday, February 13, 10:15 a.m., Cuddletime for ages 12 to 24 months with caregiver.

4 p.m. BOOKids Discussion Group for ages 8 to 12.

Thursday, February 14, 10:15 a.m., Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

11:15 a.m., Toddler Time for two-year-olds with caregiver.

The exhibit in the display case for the month of February is Montpelier Cultural Arts Center senior citizens' hooked rugs.

Dr. Carver Featured At Ranger Station

The National Park Service will present a program featuring the accomplishments of Dr. George Washington Carver, Saturday, February 16, at 11 a.m. and Saturday, February 23 at 1 p.m., at the Greenbelt Park Ranger Station classroom, 6565 Greenbelt Road.

A video will be shown on Dr. Carver's life and the values he held most important: service to people, and as an instructor at Tuskegee Institute, how he as an African American felt he wanted "to be of the greatest good to the greatest number of my people." Carver spoke of reaching out to the "man farthest down" in the southern farming experience. As a scientist, he discovered many uses for the peanut. His ideas helped to save the southern agricultural industry. Visitors will see replicas of the Tuskegee bulletins that Dr. Carver created to instruct people in many aspects of gardening and farming.

Visitors can also learn about the Jesup Agricultural Wagon created by Booker T. Washington and its influence on modern agricultural cooperative extension efforts. For more information call the park at 301-344-3944.

Community Events

Need Refreshments For Sci Fair Judges

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) science fair is next week, February 13. In past years the students' parents have provided refreshments to the science fair judges and they have donated a wide variety of baked goods and other treats.

People who are able to volunteer and bring food (or send it with their child), bring it to the media center on the 13th. For more information, contact Deb Tasky of the ERHS PTSA at 301-464-0567.

BARC's New Plants At Garden Talk

Avid gardeners are invited to an open meeting of the Greenbelt Home and Garden Club at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 12, in the Community Center.

Rob Griesbach, a research scientist with the U.S. National Arboretum, will trace the development of new ornamental plants at the nearby Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.

Griesbach, holder of a Ph.D. in plant genetics, will use slides with his presentation. USDA scientists were instrumental in the development of many ornamental plants such as the Easter lily, impatiens and mums.

Tax Preparation Help Available for Seniors

Beginning Tuesday, February 12, Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE), a group that helps with tax preparation for seniors will be at the Greenbelt Library on Crescent Road on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 or 3 p.m. Mainly for lower income seniors, this free service is limited to single seniors with a yearly income of \$25,000 or less; married couples, \$45,000 or less.

Sessions are held in the lower level meeting room of the library, a room large enough to provide privacy to each individual.

TCE is sponsored by Collington and the IRS. To make an appointment, call Collington at 301-541-5031.

NARFE Meeting

The next meeting of NARFE (National Association of Retired Federal Employees) Chapter #1122 will be held at Sir Walter Raleigh on Greenbelt Road at noon on February 13. A speaker will address members on government long-term care insurance. Members are urged to attend this important meeting.

Learn about Trash

Join a park ranger and neighbors to help to clean up the Greenbelt Park boundary on Good Luck Road. Learn firsthand about trash and its effects on the environment.

Participants should wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

Meet at the ranger station near the campground on Saturday, February 9, at 8:45 a.m. For directions or information call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944.

Pet Adoption Day

The Prince George's County SPCA/Humane Society is sponsoring a pet adoption day on Sunday, February 10 from noon to 3 p.m. at PetSmart, Beltway Plaza Mall. The pets' foster parents will be present to answer questions and accept adoption applications. For more information call 301-262-5625 or visit the Website at www.pgspca.org.

CVS Plans Larger Store, Drive-thru

CVS has filed a detailed site plan with the City of Greenbelt for a drive-through CVS at the old Royal Gourmet site. It is anticipated that the Advisory Planning Board will review it at one of their February meetings.

Greenbelt Writers Group to Meet

The Greenbelt Writers Group will meet Friday, February 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center. Writers of all genres are encouraged to attend and participate.

Open readings will be held.

Democrats Plan February Activities

The Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club of Greenbelt has two events scheduled in February. The regular monthly meeting will be held on Friday, February 15, at 8 p.m. in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building. The 2002 Annual Legislative Night in Annapolis will be on Monday, February 18, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Each year the February meeting features Greenbelt city employees as Valentine "Sweethearts." This year the club will honor Hank Irving, director of the Department of Recreation, and Bill Phelan, assistant director of Public Works. After a brief business agenda, the two guests will speak and entertain questions about the services provided by their areas of city government. A social hour will follow.

At the invitation of the 23rd District Delegation, Senator Green and Delegates Conroy, Pitkin, and Hubbard, club members, their families, and guests will enjoy an hors d'oeuvres reception in the Miller Presidential Conference Center West 1 of the Miller Senate Office Building. After the reception, all are invited to visit the State House and attend either the Senate or the House in session.

Although visitor parking is available at the Naval Academy parking lot at Rowe Boulevard and Taylor Avenue, with a shuttle provided from the lot to the Miller Building on Bladen Street, members are encouraged to "Ride the Bus with Us" for a modest fee. About 35 reservations are needed to make a charter feasible. It would leave the Greenbelt Library parking lot at 5 p.m. and return about 10 p.m.

The public is welcome to participate. Call the corresponding secretary, Pat Unger, at 301-474-1052 by Sunday, February 11, for reservations.

GHI Notes

The Pet Subcommittee will meet at the New Deal Café February 10 at 2 p.m.

The Finance Committee will meet February 12 in the GHI lunchroom at 7:30 p.m.

The next informational seminar about GHI for prospective members of GHI is scheduled for February 16 at 11 a.m. at the GHI offices.

The GHI Board of Directors will meet February 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center.

GHI members are welcome to attend committee and board meetings.

Boys & Girls Club Basketball Games

The Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club games for the month of February are as follows:

Friday, February 8,
6:45 p.m., Fireballs vs. Terps
8 p.m., Raiders vs. Manticores

Saturday, February 9,
9 a.m., Raiders vs. Terps
10:15 a.m., Fireballs vs. Manticores

Friday, February 15,
6:45 p.m., Raiders vs. Manticores

8 p.m., Fireballs vs. Terps

Saturday, February 16,
9 a.m., Terps vs. Manticores
10:15 a.m., Fireballs vs. Raiders

Friday, February 22,
6:45 p.m., Manticores vs. Fireballs
8 p.m., Terps vs. Raiders

All games are played at the Greenbelt Youth Center.



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Greenbelt Youths Create New Sexual Abstinence Initiative

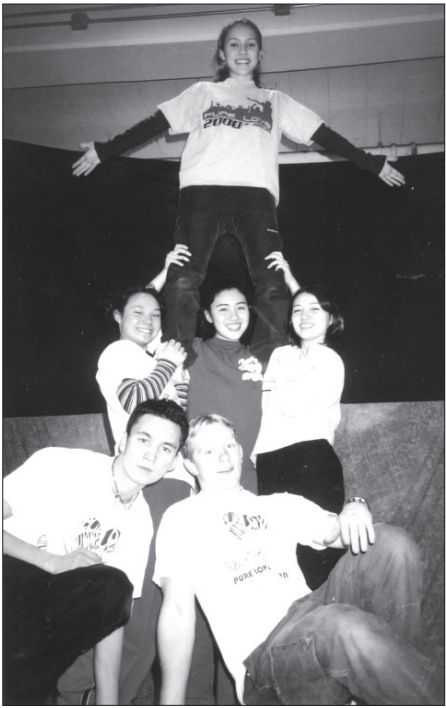
Three Greenbelt high school students are key figures of a talent search among young people committed to abstaining from sex outside of marriage. The results of that search will be showcased at the Pure Talent Celebration being held at the Evangel Cathedral in Upper Marlboro on Friday, February 15 at 7 p.m. Musicians, singers, dancers, actors and visual artists from widely diverse backgrounds will share their talents at this first-ever event.

“Our idea is to make abstinence from sex before marriage cool,” says 16-year-old Michele Burton, a junior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School and one of the showcase organizers. “We’re bringing together bands, singers and break dancers – putting out the idea that the most happening people are into this pure lifestyle. Young entertainers like these can change our culture. We want to include everyone,” she says. “For me, this is as much about building bridges between different religious groups as it is about abstinence.”

Michele and her brother Daniel, 18, a senior at Roosevelt, are members of a hip-hop-breakdancing group of eight performers who call themselves BASIC (Brothers and Sisters in Control). Members of the group previously performed to great applause at the Labor Day Festival talent show and marched in the Labor Day parade. Daniel and Michele, who have been promoting the abstinence message for two years, founded a club with this theme at Roosevelt known as Alternate Voice. John Witter, a resident of Boxwood and also a sophomore at Roosevelt, is considered BASIC’s most adept breakdancer. He is a regular attendee of Alternate Voice events.

“We want kids to know that the choice of abstinence frees you up,” explains a fellow dancer, 17-year-old Lan Tsubata, a freshman at Prince George’s Community College. “You get to focus on you – on your talents, your dreams. Every kid in this program is doing something cool with their lives, and we want people to see that.”

The five organizers, ages 14 to 18, have been combing area schools, churches, youth groups and communities to find performers and support for their vision. One pastor, Reverend Payton of Evangel Cathedral, offered to let the group hold the event in their youth church facility at 13901 Central Avenue in Upper Marlboro. Dozens of churches allowed the young people to pitch



Hip-hop breakdancers advance their message of abstinence. Bottom row: Daniel Burton, 18, and Joshua Berndt, 17; middle row: Michele Burton, 16, Maria Grace Leavitt, 15, and Lan Tsubata, 17; and on top, Mie Tsubata, 16.

the idea to their congregations or youth groups. Schools and community buildings have been pressed into service to hold auditions and practices.

“We didn’t want this to be about promoting one group or one faith,” says Mari Grace Leavitt, 14, a home-schooler. “Abstinence is a universal value. Everyone can respect someone who respects himself or herself and who respects others.”

The Pure Talent Showcase is free of charge and open to the public.

Friends in Christ Offers New Course

Friends in Christ invites everyone to a free six-week participatory course, “Opening Space for God: Living in the Light,” Sundays at 3:30 p.m., February 17 through March 24, at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. The course uses a contemplative approach, life experiences, spiritual practices and the Bible. Class sessions are followed by a time of open worship and prayer. For more information call 301-773-8007 or go to www.friendsinchrist.net on the Web.

St. Hugh’s Asks City To Permit Gate

Elizabeth Whelan, principal of St. Hugh’s School, indicated that the school has recently sent a letter to the city requesting permission to install a gate at the Crescent Road entrance to the driveway on the west side of the school. At the February 4 Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) meeting with local school principals and vice principals, Whelan asked for ACE assistance on this request. ACE members did not comment.

The driveway is used as a playground during recess at St. Hugh’s and featured in the recent police chase through the drive and onto Braden Field. Although a number of students were on the field, no one was injured.

Whelan indicated that the school proposes to close the gate only during recess. In addition, the gate will be monitored during those times so that tennis players, city employees, and others with a legitimate need can have access to the drive and to parking.

Mowatt Hosts Shrove Tues. Supper, Study

A traditional Shrove Tuesday pancake supper will be held on February 12 at 6 p.m. at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church. The public is welcome.


The church is also holding a discipleship study on Thursdays at 6 p.m. until June. This is a continuation of the study program begun last September when the subject was the Old Testament. This is a good time for new students to join the program.

To express interest, contact Pastor DaeHwa Park at 301-345-3480. Mowatt Church is located at 40 Ridge Road.



Congratulations to Heather Martin, daughter of Gerald and Penny Martin, for being named to the Dean’s List after her first semester at Washington College. Heather is a 2001 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Congratulations to Terese and Neil Sehgal of Bowie on the birth of their son. Nicholas Raghbir was born on February 4 weighing 7 lbs., 6 oz. His grandparents are Harjit and Raghbir Sehgal of Mitchellville and Irene Hensel and the late Richard Hensel of Greenbelt.



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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department.
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery

Parkway, January 28, 8:56 p.m., a man was walking on the sidewalk carrying groceries when he was approached from behind by two young men. One of the suspects punched the pedestrian in the face, knocking him to the ground and taking a wallet from the victim's pocket while the other suspect took the victim's groceries. Both suspects got into a waiting vehicle, described as a dark blue older-model Buick, and fled the scene. The victim was treated on the scene for minor injuries to his nose and face. The suspects are described as a black male, 20, 6'2", 190 lbs., medium complexion, clean shaven, wearing a black hooded sweat jacket and black pants, and a black male, 20, 6', 175 lbs., dark complexion, clean shaven, wearing a black hooded sweat jacket and black pants.

6100 block Cherrywood Lane, January 31, 6:16 a.m., a man was walking on the sidewalk when he was approached by another man who pointed a black handgun at him and demanded money. When the pedestrian stated he had no money, the suspect forced him into the woods and took his sneakers before fleeing on foot. The suspect is described as a black male, 5'6", 150 lbs. wearing a black coat with hood, and black jeans.

6000 block Springhill Drive, January 31, 8:02 p.m., a man was approached by two men armed with handguns. One of the suspects demanded money. After money was obtained, both suspects fled on foot. They are described as a black male, 16, 5'11", 127 lbs., and a black male, 5'11", wearing black clothing and a black mask.

8100 block Ryan Way, January 29, 11:14 p.m., a man was walking from his driveway to his residence when he was approached from behind by two suspects, one armed with a handgun. A woman observed the attempted robbery from a vehicle and began sounding her vehicle's horn, at which time the armed suspect walked toward the vehicle and pointed the gun at her. She then drove away and both suspects got into a black older-model vehicle, possibly a Lincoln and left the scene. The only description is of two men, one 6'1" and the other, 5'5", both dressed in dark clothing.

7700 block Hanover Parkway, January 30, 1:14 p.m., a man walking to his residence was approached by a suspect who demanded and obtained money from him before fleeing on foot. The suspect is described as a black male in his twenties, 6'2", 180 lbs., wearing a black hat, black jacket with a hood, and black jogging pants.

7900 block Mandan Road, January 30, 11:30 p.m., a man walking to his residence was approached by two suspects, one armed with a handgun. The suspect with the gun announced a robbery as the second suspect removed a wallet from the victim's back pocket. Both suspects then fled on foot. They are described as black male teenagers, 5'5",

130 pounds, wearing grey sweat pants and a white tee shirt on his head, and the other, 5'9", 130 lbs., wearing dark clothing.

7600 block Mandan Road, January 30, 1:33 a.m., persons were walking to a residence when they noticed a suspicious, occupied vehicle parked in front of the residence. As the victims were about to enter the residence, one man left the vehicle and asked the victims for directions. He then displayed a gun described as a long-barreled weapon, and took the victims' wallets. The robber then got back into the vehicle, described as a light green or teal Chevrolet Corsica with unknown D.C. tags, and fled the scene. The suspects are described as a black male, 30, 6'1", 170 lbs., light complexion with a full beard, wearing a black skull cap and all-black clothing, and a black male, 30, 6', light complexion with a light beard, wearing a white shirt.

Assault

6000 block Springhill Drive, January 31, 5:10 p.m., a 23-year-old man of no fixed address was arrested and charged with assault, trespassing and malicious destruction after he allegedly used a fire extinguisher to force open the front door of a residence where he used to reside. Once inside, he threatened to kill the occupants. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Burglary

Greenway Center, January 13, 6:04 a.m., unknown person or persons broke out the front door of the Hair Cuttery and took money.

8100 block Mandan Terrace, January 31, 5:08 p.m., someone gained entry by forcing open the basement door of a vacant residence. Nothing was taken.

9100 block Springhill Lane, January 25, 1:48 a.m., someone broke out a bedroom window of a woman's residence and then attempted to enter. The suspect fled when the victim walked up to the window. No suspect description is available.

Vandalism

9100 block Springhill Lane, January 27, 9:45 p.m., someone used a rock to break out the bedroom window of a residence.

6100 block Cherrywood Lane, January 28, 9 a.m., a basketball back board and rim were pulled down off a pole.

Disorderly Conduct

T.G.I. Friday restaurant, January 25, 11:38 p.m., a 24-year-old resident of N.E. Washington was arrested after an officer observed him attempting to leave the restaurant while hiding something under his jacket. When asked what he was hiding, the suspect told the officer it was a gun. Several patrons fled upon hearing that. Thereafter, what turned out to be a glass of brandy fell to the floor. The suspect became disorderly, shouting profanities, and was released on citation pending trial.

Drug Arrests

Rear of Safeway store, January 31, 7:40 p.m., a 21-year-old resident was arrested and charged

with possession of marijuana and paraphernalia and a 35-year-old resident of Elkridge was charged with possession of marijuana. An officer observed a suspicious person walking behind the Safeway and also observed a suspicious, occupied truck nearby. Both the person on foot and the person in the truck were found to be in possession of marijuana. The suspect on foot was also found to be in possession of paraphernalia.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a 1992 Toyota Tercel four-door, stolen January 23 from Parkway was recovered January 24 by Bladensburg Police; a 1993 Ford Taurus, stolen January 23 from the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace, was recovered January 25 by county police in Landover Hills; a maroon 1992 Dodge Caravan, Pennsylvania tags PZJ903, January 26 from the 7500 block Mandan Road; a 1994 Dodge Spirit, stolen January 26 from the 7500 block Mandan Road, was recovered January 29 by county police in Beltsville; a green 1995 Dodge Caravan, Md. tags M577095, January 26, from the 7900 block Mandan Road; a black 2001 Ford Explorer, Md. tags M738656, from Beltway Plaza; a green 1998 Mazda 626 four-door, Md. tags JJP751, January 28, from the 6100 block Breezewood Court; a black 1998 Nissan Altima four-door, Md. tags JMF784, January 18, from the 6100 block of Breezewood Drive; a yellow 1995 Chevrolet Caprice four-door, D.C. tags H74351, January 18, from the 6200 block Breezewood Drive; a white 1989 Toyota four-door, Md. tags JLC008, January 19, from the area of Cherrywood Lane and Cherrywood Court; a 1996 Dodge Caravan, stolen January 30 from the 8300 block Canning Terrace, was recovered February 1 on Hanover Parkway; the vehicle was burned; a white 1989 Buick LeSabre four-door, Va. tags YFN5147, January 31, from the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace.

In two separate incidents, a resident of Fort Washington, 23, and a resident of Hyattsville, 35, were arrested after they were found to be driving on stolen tags. The Fort Washington suspect was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner; the Hyattsville suspect was released on citation pending trial.

Four stolen vehicles were recovered by other police departments and one by Greenbelt police; no arrests were involved.

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6000 block Cherrywood Court; 500 block Crescent Road; 6400 block Capitol Drive; area of Mandan Road and Canning Terrace; 6200 block Breezewood Drive; (two incidents); 9100 block Edmonston Terrace; Beltway Plaza; 6200 block Springhill Drive; 8300 block Golden Triangle Drive (two incidents); 11 Court Hillside Road; 100 block Northway Road; 6900 block Hanover Parkway.

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CAR-SHARE

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and customer support services. Usage fees collected above the monthly fee would be shared with the city and would thereby reduce the monthly fee. If approved, Greenbelt would be the first community in Maryland to offer a car sharing program. Arlington and Alexandria both have already initiated such a program in Virginia, and there is one in Washington, D.C.

Funding for the program would come from revenues received by the city in excess of the approved FY 2002 budget for the Municipal Building car, which would be replaced by a Zipcar. It would be used by the public as well as by city employees. Another Zipcar would be parked at Green Ridge House as part of its parking management program. Funds from their budget would be used for the cost of this vehicle.

Zipcar, Inc. representative Bill Edwards was present. He explained that in addition to an application fee, use of the car would be \$6 per hour. Any licensed driver over age 21 would be eligible, providing the applicant met the standards of Zipcar's insurance provider, as insurance coverage is provided as part of membership. Scheduling would be handled by Zipcar, with members requesting reservations by phone or on the Internet. No administration would be required from city staff. The cars are currently Volkswagens, although the company is adding the Ford Focus model to its fleet and also considering the Toyota hybrid, which Davis thought would be well-received in Greenbelt.

Council voted unanimously to authorize the city manager to execute the agreement.

LEGISLATION

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contract with Taylor Sports and Recreation of Huntingtown for two reasons. One reason is that they are the only suppliers of the 12-foot spiral slide proposed by the city as a featured component in the grant request. Second, their price of \$68,001 was lower than a competing bid of \$73,100 offered by a company that could only provide an eight-foot slide.

Bill Phelan, assistant director of public works, assured council that all new pieces of equipment would be handicap accessible except for the slide, and space constraints near the slide prevented construction of a ramp of the necessary length.

Phelan responded to a question from Councilmember Thomas White that the necessary site work would involve no more than three days work by city staff. City Manager Michael McLaughlin said he thought site work was included in the proposed request. White asked for more definitive needs of the site at the next meeting.

County/State Legislation

Assistant to the City Manager David Moran presented several county or state bills for council's review and support.

District 23 Delegate to the Maryland General Assembly James Hubbard provided council with a draft bill that would require CB-40-2001, the law that changed how the impact on schools by residential development is calculated and mitigated, be submitted to voters in a referendum at next November's election. The Greenbelt City Council agreed to inform the city's delegates of their support for this bill.

Senate Bill 2 is Senator Leo Green's bill that would give counties and municipalities the option to become aggregators for gas and electricity.

HB 130 is a bill that would reduce the cost share of local governments from 50% to 20% if a sidewalk or bike path is being constructed in response to a request from the local government, and the adjacent roadway is not undergoing construction at the same time. The other 80% would be funded by the state.

HB 233 is legislation that would require utility companies to inform municipalities of proposed capital projects. If the project conflicts with the municipality's own construction plans, the utility may be required to modify its plans to accommodate the municipality. Mayor Judith Davis explained that the problem exists mainly with cable companies, and this bill would prevent newly-paved roads from being torn up for utility purposes. It would not prevent repeat reconstruction in the event of an emergency, such as a water main break. This is a state-wide bill.

Council voted unanimously to support each of these bills.

HB 35 was added to the agenda at the request of the mayor. The bill would create a task force to examine the accuracy, effectiveness, administration, and fee structure for violations of red light cameras. Council agreed to notify the city's delegation that the task force should include municipal representation. As it had been presented, there was no such representation on the task force.

Appointments

Jeffrey Morissette completed his term on the Arts Advisory Board and requested a transfer to the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE). Putens asked that Dr. Eva Griffin also be appointed to ACE. Council approved both appointments.

RESTORATION

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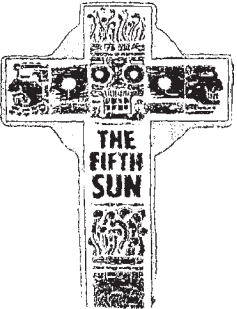
were then replaced with lighting that he feels has a less dramatic effect. Mayor Judith Davis asked McLaughlin to look into this and report to council on problems in restoring the lights.

Scope

Councilmember Thomas White expressed concerns that the conservative nature of the Trust's recommendations for the scope of work to be done on the sculptures was based on financial considerations. A courtesy assessment done by one of their staff returned a lower estimate than another conservator, who recommended more extensive restoration. Kristen Ward, from the city's Office of Planning and Community Development, addressed council and explained that "conservative" referred to the nature of the work itself, not the cost, even though such an approach would be less costly to both the Trust and the city. The philosophy of the Trust is to maintain as much of the original work as possible, to patch as little as necessary. McLaughlin reminded council that one reason the city ended up paying for all of the restoration work on the Mother and Child statue was because the conservator hired by the city had done such extensive work on the statue that it failed to comply with Trust guidelines. Councilmember Ed Putens described the two approaches to the work as "one is a rehabilitation effort, the other a preservation effort."

Councilmember Rodney Roberts stated that he thinks the sculptures are in excellent condition, considering their age and exposure to environmental pollutants, and he is concerned about the nature and longevity of any patching material which he worries could actually lead to further deterioration in time. He supports the conservative approach

of the Trust. Ward reminded council that regardless of who was contracted to perform the work, its scope would still have to be approved by the Trust's easement committee, which already pre-approved the scope of work recommended in a preliminary assessment done last summer by a Monuments Survey Administrator of the Trust.



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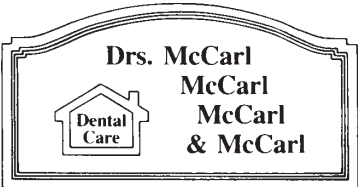
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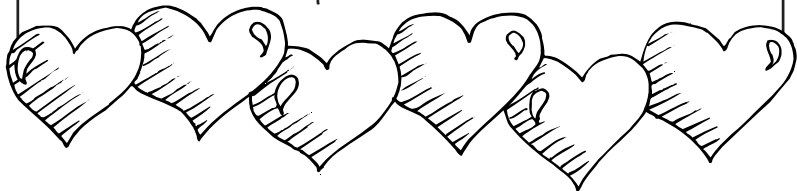
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Crash Survivor Tells Her Side of the Story

Greenbelter Annissa Obasi, 33, faced every driver’s nightmare last Friday. The Springhill Lake resident was driving on the Beltway with her two young children, Noah, age 3, and Imani, 11 weeks. She was headed for choir practice, according to a story in the Washington Post on Sunday, February 3. When the minivan she was following was hit by an airborne SUV coming across the median from the other direction, she knew she would hit the minivan. In telling her story to the Post reporters, Obasi said, “I saw it coming, and I closed my eyes.” Obasi’s driver’s seat was equipped with an airbag, which deployed, she told the reporters, knocking her glasses askew. She received only minor cuts. Her two children, secured in their car seats, were unhurt.

“If you don’t put anything else in this story,” she told the reporters, “please express that it was by God’s grace and God’s mercy that we walked away from this. Yes, car seats are very important and, yes, I’m very conscientious about them. But I don’t think it was anything except the Lord that spared us.”

Hansen Publishes On Science Topics

by Mary Moien
Greenbelter Amy S. Hansen has written an article on "Artificial Vision" that appears in the January 2002 issue of Highlights for Children. The article introduces to young readers the technology being developed to restore sight for blind people. She commented that the "technology is so cool," involving computers that help people see. Hansen has a master's degree in natural resources from the University of Michigan. She has lived in Greenbelt for eight years with her husband, Bobby Candey, and their two sons. A member of the Greenbelt Writers Group, she recently read from a brochure on endangered species in the Eastern Himalayas that she produced for the World Wildlife Fund. Hansen also was founding president of the New Deal Café.

Beauchamp Article in ‘Editor’s Choice’

“The Eleanor Roosevelt Encyclopedia,” edited by University of Maryland professor Maurine Beasley and co-editors Holly C. Shuman, and Henry R. Beasley, has received the Editor’s Choice Award for 2001 in the reference book category by “Booklist,” the journal of the American Library Association. An article from the

work concerning Mrs. Roosevelt and the greenbelt towns, which was written by staff member Virginia Beauchamp, was reprinted in August in this paper. A copy of the encyclopedia, owned by the Greenbelt Library, is on reserve in the Tugwell Room.



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Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2002-1
A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt, Adopted Pursuant to the Authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23a of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (2001Replacement Volume as Amended), Title “Corporations-Municipal,” Subtitle “Charter Amendments,” to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt Found, in Whole or in Part, in the Compilation of Municipal Charters of Maryland (1983 Edition as Amended), as Prepared by the Department of Legislative Reference Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1983, by Repealing and Re-enacting with Amendments Section 55 (a), Titled “Bonds–Issuance, Authorization.”

The purpose of the above-titled resolution is to revise the statement of the City’s debt limitation in order to conform with the new state law, Ch. 80, Acts of 2000, also known as the Truth in Taxation law, which changed the real property assessment law from a program of fractional property assessments to a system of full market value assessments. Limits previously stated as ten (10) percent of valuation will be amended to four (4) percent of valuation, in order that the City’s actual debt limitations will remain essentially unchanged.

Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2002-2
A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt, Adopted Pursuant to the Authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23a of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (2001Replacement Volume as Amended), Title “Corporations-Municipal,” Subtitle “Charter Amendments,” to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt Found, in Whole or in Part, in the Compilation of Municipal Charters of Maryland (1983 Edition as Amended), as Prepared by the Department of Legislative Reference Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1983, by Repealing and Re-enacting with Amendment “Elections” Section 14(b), Titled “Referendum.”

The purpose of the above-titled resolution is to correct a typographical error in Section 14(b) to clarify that the Council may place on the ballot at regular or special elections not only questions required by law to be submitted to the voters but also such questions as Council may wish to submit to the voters.

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